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1. MAJOR STORY MARCH 16 IS BEGINNING OF FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE
TESTIMONY. TONG-A ILBO CARRIES FRASER'S OPENING STATEMENT
VERBATIM, OR NEARLY SO, WHILE OTHER PAPERS EXCERPT. MOST
PAPERS STRESS, SOME IN SEPARATE STORIES, TESTIMONY BY REPS.
DERWINSKI AND GOODRING AND BY PROF. LEDYARD (PHON.) QUESTIONING
THE VALUE OF THE HEARINGS, ACCUSING FRASER OF RUNNING "A
ONE-MAN SHOW", AND DEFENDING THE MOTIVES BEHIND KOREAN
LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.

2. HOLBROOKE STATEMENT: REFTTEL (B) DESCRIBED HANKUK ILBO'S
CONFUSING REPORT OF ASST. SEC. HOLBROOKE'S STATEMENT ON
US MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATIES WITH ROK AND ROC. TONG-A ILBO
CLARIFIES SLIGHTLY WITH TRANSLATION MEANING
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"SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY".

3. MILITARY MATTERS: MOST PAPERS REPORT DOD ANNOUNCE-
MENT THAT IT WILL SELL THE ROK SIXTEEN M88 TRV'S AND
SIX CH4C HELICOPTERS. DEP. SEC. DEF. DUNCAN'S PRAISE OF TEAM
SPIRIT IS REPORTED. ALL PAPERS CARRY PHOTO OF TWO
PLANES, ONE US AND ONE SOVIET, WITH CAPTIONS EXPLAINING

THAT SOVIET PLANE BROKE OFF ITS OVERFLIGHT OF TEAM
SPIRIT NAVAL ACTIVITIES WHEN US PILOT APPROACHED.

4. JAPANESE SUPPORT BASES: MOST PAPERS QUOTE JAPAN
MOFA ASIAN BUREAU DIRECTOR NAKAJIMA AS SAYING THAT
US AMMO STOCKS IN JAPAN MAY NOT BE DELIVERED TO THE
ROK, BUT MAY, IN TIME OF EMERGENCY, BE DELIVERED TO
US FORCES IN KOREA.

5. CARTER-PAK LETTERS: MORNING PAPERS MAKE MUCH OF
RECENT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN US, ROK PRESIDENTS,
WHILE P.M. PRESS VIRTUALLY IGNORES THE TOPIC.
EMPHASIS SEEMS TO BE AS MUCH ON PRESS' IRRITATION
WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S TACITURNITY ON THE SUBJECT
AS ON THE CONTENT OF THE NOTES.

6. HABIB RESIGNATION: NORMALLY WASPISH HANKUK ILBO
PAYS WARM TRIBUTE TO UNDERSECRETARY HABIB. CITING
HIS EXPERTISE (IN KOREAN AFFAIRS PARTICULARLY),
INTEGRITY, AND DECISIVENESS, THEY CONCLUDE THAT "IT
IS CLEAR THAT BOTH KOREA AND THE US WILL SUFFER...
UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE".
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